

Freedom of the Press assumes a diverse and independent press. In the old Soviet Union, Pravda was free to print anything and everything its owner wanted printed. The problem: there was only one owner, Stalin.

There has never been a greater threat to this basic freedom than today's media consolidation. And now that Sinclair Broadcasting, Fox News, Clear Channels, and some of the precious few others left, have renounced bipartisan journalistic ethics, it is frighteningly possible that the free press as our forefathers dreamed it will die.

Now is the perfect time for the FCC to take a stand on a matter that is infinitely more important than Janet Jackson's right breast. Fine Sinclair or suspend their licenses if they preempt local programming to broadcast an anti-Kerry propaganda film as news.